

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1-14 and ADD new claims 15-25 in accordance with the following:

Claims 1-14 (CANCELLED)

15. (NEW) A method for preserving food, comprising:
preparing Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite;
sintering the Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite at 580 to 660°C; and
bringing food into contact with the sintered Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite for storage.
16. (NEW) The method according to claim 15, wherein said bringing the food into contact with the sintered Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite includes at least one of putting the food in a container having an inner surface coated with the sintered Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite and putting the food in a container made of a material containing the sintered Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite.
17. (NEW) The method according to claim 15, wherein said bringing the food into contact with the sintered Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite includes at least one of wrapping the food in a food wrapping film having a surface coated with the sintered Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite and wrapping the food in a food wrapping film made of a material containing the sintered Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite.
18. (NEW) The method according to claim 15, wherein said bringing the food into contact with the sintered Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite includes at least one of applying the sintered Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite to a surface of the food and adding the sintered Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite to the food.

19. (NEW) The method according to claim 15, wherein said bringing the food into contact with the sintered Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite includes bringing the food into contact with tableware having a surface coated with the sintered Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite.

20. (NEW) A food preserving article, comprising:
a substantially surrounding barrier having an inner surface, coated with a Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite which has undergone sintering at 580 to 660°C, in contact with stored food.

21. (NEW) The food preserving article according to claim 20, wherein the food preserving article is a food container.

22. (NEW) The food preserving article according to claim 20, wherein the food preserving article is a food wrapping film.

23. (NEW) A food preserving article produced by a method comprising:
sintering a material, containing a Ti-modified calcium hydroxyapatite, at 580 to 660°C.

24. (NEW) The food preserving article according to claim 23, wherein the food preserving article is a food container.

25. (NEW) The food preserving article according to claim 23, wherein the food preserving article is a food wrapping film.